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) Date: February 5, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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The Examiner is also advised that UK Patent Application No. 0029293.8 mentioned on page 1 of the specification has a U.S. counterpart application: 09/004,033 filed November 28, 2001.

The Applicants believe that this IDS is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. Therefore, no official fees should be due; and this IDS should be considered on the merits. If this IDS is being submitted after the issuance

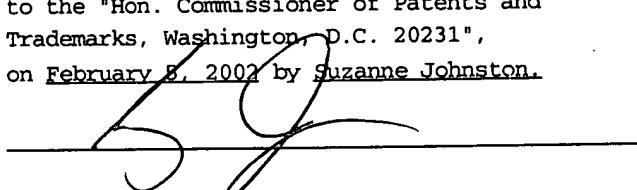
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	5,940,346	8/99	Sadowsky et al.	367	128	
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	1 566 616	5/80	GB			N/A
	0 585 101 A2	3/94	EP			N/A
	0 485 979 A1	5/92	EP			YES

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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